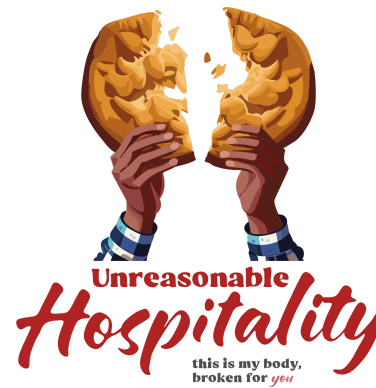




Parent News

August 15, 2024



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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

I spent much of the late spring and summer dreaming about how to invite our whole staff into this year's school theme, *Unreasonable Hospitality*. We all read together David Guidara's book by the same name in which he details his relentless efforts to turn his New York restaurant, Eleven Madison Park, into the best restaurant in the world by focusing on the hospitality that diners would receive. The pages are full of delightful examples of how to bring people unexpected joy with the right mindset, some careful planning, and attention to detail.

The Bible tells stories of rich hospitality as well, and I invited us to consider the story of Abraham and the three visitors in Genesis 18. Abraham runs out to meet these men—something a revered family patriarch would never normally do in that time and culture. He tells Sarah to get three seahs (over 60 lbs!) of the finest flour to make bread, an amount that could have served 450 people well and would demonstrate bottomless abundance to the three guests. Finally, Abraham has a choice calf butchered for a luxurious meal of meat in a culture that would hardly ever spare one of the flock for a family dinner. Surely, these men traveling away from the safety of their own homes got a picture of the love, care, and provision of the God Abraham served.

Jesus himself references Abraham's story in Matthew 13 when He teaches, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into three seahs of flour until it worked all through the dough." By referencing the exact same measurement, Jesus is sending His listeners back to Genesis 18. You want to know what life with God is like? It's going to overwhelm you with love and welcome and protection and care! Hospitality is a trademark of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We know that Rehoboth is a special community with a knack for making people feel welcome. But this year, we're challenging ourselves to consider the impact we can make by taking hospitality to another level—an *unreasonable* level. Not only will it be fun to see smiles on the faces of our students, families, and guests; but it will be a chance for us to proclaim loudly through our actions, "This is the God we serve! This is what life is like in His Kingdom!" Maybe your children have already come home with special stories that bear witness to this work. I hope that's the case . . . because they are worth it.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. I'm truly excited to walk the journey of *Unreasonable Hospitality* with you this year.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, August 22** - ALL DAY - school picture day
- **Friday, August 23** - school picture - make-up (morning only)
- **Monday, September 2** - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- **Friday, September 6** - ½ day due to RCS cross country meet (release time TBD)

All School Announcements


School Picture Day Next Week!

On Thursday, August 22 our photographers will be here to take photos of our students and staff. They will also be here on Friday morning (August 23) for make-up photos in case students miss on Thursday. Please come looking good for picture day!

Early Release Thursdays

This year the students will be released at 1:35pm on Thursdays so buses will run about 90 minutes earlier for the return home.

Boxtops for Education

Our school is enrolled in the Boxtops for Education earning program. Our coordinator is Duane Yazzie and all the earnings will be used for the library. Please continue to scan your receipts. Thanks.  [Box Tops information.pdf](#)

From the Business Office

A few reminders from the Business Office:

1. Contracts need to be signed. If you have not signed your contract please stop by the Administration building or email it to adminsec@rcsnm.org before August 19th.
2. All families need to create a FACTS account. You have the option in FACTS to pay through FACTS or in person at Rehoboth. (Choose invoice for paying in person).
3. Free & Reduced food forms need to be filled out. Please stop by the Administration Building to turn those in.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the business office!

Elementary News

1st Day of Kindergarten

Our kinder friends start on Tuesday, August 20th. We look forward to welcoming them on campus.

Picture Day

Thursday, August 22 is our all-school Picture Day. Please try your best to make it! These pictures are featured in the school yearbooks and our information systems. Friday, August 23rd will be a make-up day, if missed on Thursday.

Chapel Shirt Money

It's that time of year again. Classroom teachers will begin collecting money for chapel t-shirts. The cost is \$7 cash or check. If paying by cash, having the exact amount is helpful. Please submit payments to your classroom teacher or at the Elementary Office with Ms. Peywa or Ms. Johnson.

New Staff

This year we have a few new staff members. We welcome **Kayla Russell** as our new 1st Grade Assistant, **Kelley Hosteen** as our 4th/5th Grade Assistant, and **Heather Scarbro** as our Title 1 Reading Teacher. **Jamie Frederiksen** changes from our previous Title 1 teacher to our new Student Support Specialist and **Clarissa Johnson** is our new K-8 Assistant Principal.

Student Handbook

Please find the time to look over our [Elementary Handbook](#). In it, you will find information about our school days along with general routines and protocols.

Here is some basic information: school starts at 8:05 am. After this, you will need to walk your student into the office to receive a tardy slip. School ends at 3:05 pm. If you need to check out your student, please do so before 2:00 pm. Buses leave campus by 3:20 pm.

Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Kinder to 8th Grade families please use the Gravel Loop located behind our Mid School building to drop-off and pick-up students. Please refrain from picking up your student at the Elementary Playground/Parking Area. This area is reserved for our Pre-K families who have to park and drop-off/pick-up their students at the classroom door.

You may begin dropping off your student after 7:45 am until 8:05 am. Pick-up begins at 3:05 pm until 3:20pm. After that, please walk into the office to pick-up your student. It is helpful for the office/classroom teacher to know if you are running late. If your student is eating breakfast, you may drop them off at the Sports and Fitness Center entrance.

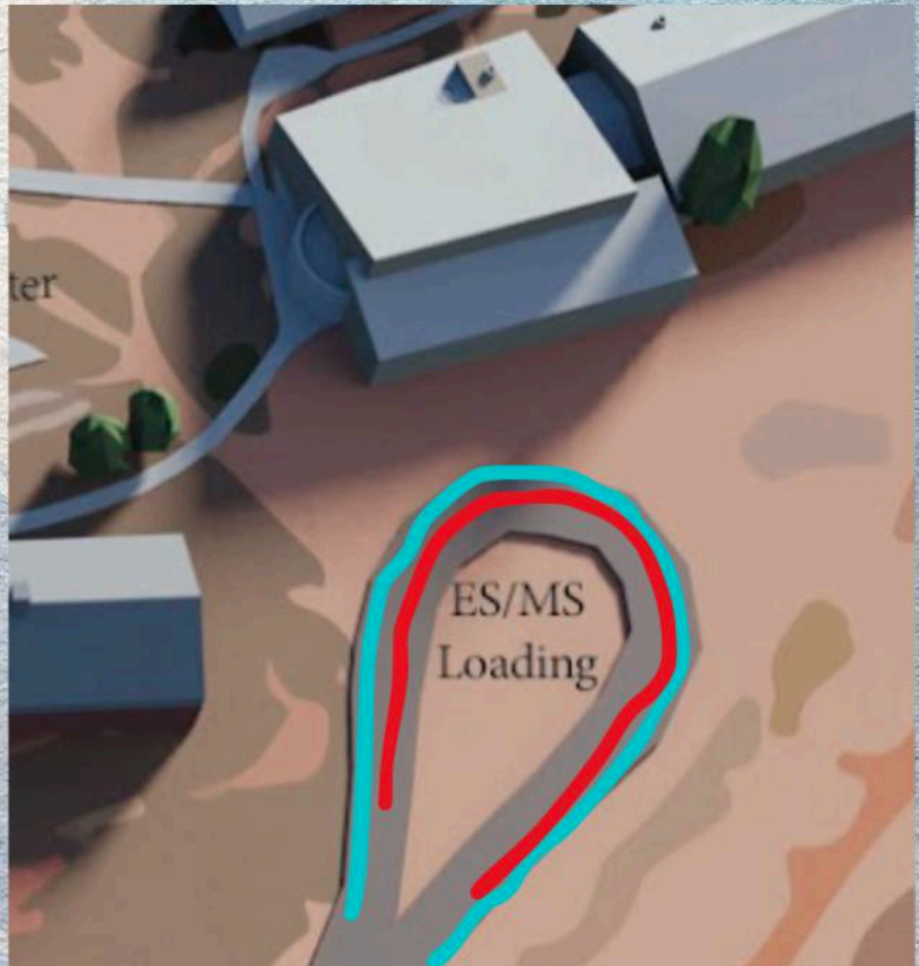
Lastly, please drive with caution. We want to keep our students safe. Form a single drive-up lane and pull as far ahead as you can to make room for other cars. When pulling out and driving away, double check to make sure there are no students around. If you need help, please talk to our traffic/pick-up monitor or call the office.

PICK-UP REMINDERS

Elementary/Mid School
Gravel Loop

Please wait until you are in the Main Loop (Blue) before having your child come to the vehicle.

Please do not start an additional loop (Red). Students will not be released if you are not in the main loop.



Middle School Matters

Olympic Friday Tomorrow!

Tomorrow, Friday August 16 will be a fun day for our middle school students! With their Advisory class, students will be traveling around our campus to different stations. At each station they will participate in a timed activity as a group. We're excited for our students to have the opportunity to build and strengthen relationships in a fun way. May the best advisory win!

Picture Day

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New Staff

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Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Please see above Elementary section for details on the flow of our Parent drop-off and pick-up loop.

Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Aug 26 - MS Volleyball Away @ Zuni - Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Aug 28 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Hozho - Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Aug 29 - 6th Grade Broken Arrow Overnight
- Aug 30 - 6th/7th/8th Broken Arrow Day
- Aug 30 - MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Tohatchi

High School Highlights

Welcome back high school families! The lead up to this school year was drastically different for me this year, and I wonder if it was different for you and your family. The difference came from my change to high school principal from English teacher this year. The last few weeks leading up to the beginning of the year were filled with a different type of energy as many people prepared for the upcoming school year; this was quite a departure from preparing my classroom and the direction for the year. Our theme this year is *Unreasonable Hospitality*, and I truly wanted to embody this theme in what I did, but the work to get ready this year was stressful, perhaps because of the difference or maybe it is just stressful work. On Tuesday much of that stress melted away with the beginning of the year. Seeing students fill the buildings and teachers lead their classes set me at ease knowing that all the preparation was worth the effort; this is a wonderful place to be, and that is evident in every student and every classroom. The hospitality that was shown by our teachers and many students was certainly a model of Christlike hospitality that was incredibly inspirational.

Friday, August 16 is Broken Arrow Day, please make sure your student dresses appropriately for outdoor activity.

August 22-23 is school picture day, please be on the lookout in this Parent News and other communication about school pictures.

Please be on the lookout for an email from me coming at the beginning of next week. This email will contain the weekly pacing guide. This spreadsheet will give you an idea as to what is happening in all of our high school classes.

The first weekly grade report will be sent out Monday, August 26. Keep an eye out for that too. This report will give you a sense of your student's grades in their classes. This is a great opportunity to be proactive in keeping your student on top of their efforts and grades.

High School Counselor's Corner

Welcome Back Families!

- The first grade report will be sent out on Monday, August 26, 2024. If you do not receive a grade report please contact me so that I can make sure to get your account set up.
- We will take the fall SAT on October 16, 2024. Please come to my office to sign up to take the SAT.

I look forward to working alongside you this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly by email at camillalynch@rcsnm.org or call me at (505) 726-9662.

District code in Family Portal is: **RE-NM**
Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

Welcome back for the 2024 -2025 school year. We have over 60 new students this year. We are grateful for all our families and look forward to seeing all of you at different campus events.

Please make sure you have a family portal account set up so that you can receive correspondence and information from the school. Here is the [LINK](#) to the family portal.

We have a family resources page on our website where you can find out lots of information. [GO HERE](#) for the back to school packet, school handbooks, etc.

Also, just a reminder that we keep you updated with school happenings and the food menu every week in our Parent News that goes out on Thursdays. So please look for that email from RCSrenweb to keep informed.

Deanna Benson has changed positions, she is now our new admissions coordinator. She can be reached at 505-726-9628 or dbenson@rcsnm.org.

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)



Welcome back families! We are excited to share opportunities with you to get involved. Remember that when you volunteer you will also need to log those hours. You can click on the link below, answer the questions and hit submit so we can get those hours logged for your family. Each family will need to complete **10 volunteer hours for this school year**. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me dbenson@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9628.

[PVH link](#) to track hours

1. Serving in the lunch line any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm.
2. Helping with the admission gate at any upcoming volleyball game, soccer game or the upcoming home cross country meet in September.
3. Bring in snacks to your child's classroom.

Food Service

It's so wonderful to see all the smiling faces - old and new, come through the lunch line! The great news is ALL KIDS EAT FREE for both Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30AM at the HS Concession Stand and Lunch will continue to be in the Fellowship Hall.

Just a reminder we will be doing finger scans for all new students for counting lunch meals. All we need is one scan and it is good for the rest of their time at Rehoboth. Once the student has graduated or leaves Rehoboth, scans will be deleted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. THANK YOU!

We'd like to welcome our new Head Cook, Carol Harvey, she will be cooking all the delicious meals for this school year. We cannot wait to see what she will make! Please give her a friendly welcome when you see her in the serving line, she will be joining Elijah and Phyllis completing our Kitchen staff!

We are encouraging kids to drink all their milk and eat all the food provided. We do not want to see any food wasted this year! They are always welcome to speak up and turn down a food item, as long as they have 3 items on their tray which needs to include a fruit or vegetable.

If you have any questions, praises, or suggestions, please feel free to reach me at danderson@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!



ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage! 😊

Menu Week of August 19 to August 23 2024

Monday Aug 19, 2024	Tuesday Aug 20, 2024	Wednesday Aug 21, 2024	Thursday Aug 22, 2024	Friday Aug 23, 2024
Waffles, Fruits and Milk	Assorted Cereal, Fruits and Milk	Chicken Biscuit Sandwich, Fruits and Milk	Oatmeal with Cinnamon and Raisins, Fruits and Milk	Mini Pancakes, Fruits and Milk
Baked Chicken Drumsticks, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Mixed Veggies, Fruits and milk	Goulash with meat sauce, Garlic Sticks, Green Beans, Fruits and milk	Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Veggie Dippers, Fruits and Milk	Frito Pie, Beans, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Chocolate Cookie, Fruits and Milk	Pepperoni/ Cheese Pizza, Rehoboth Salad, Cherry Tomatoes, Orange Peppers, Cucumbers, Fruits and Milk

RCS is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change due to product availability.

In Gear : Transportation

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Greetings everyone!

We are excited to be back on the road for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year!!

Here in this section of the Parent News, we will be keeping you informed of Route Changes, Bus Stops, Announcements, and other important information regarding Bus Transportation. If you have a student that will be riding the bus to and from RCS, please review the following information:

- **SCHOOL BUS RULES**- Rules are posted in each Bus. Failure to follow the rules will result in Bus Privileges being suspended.
- **Please be 10-15 minutes early to your scheduled bus stop**, if you happen to miss the bus, you can meet it at the following Bus Stop.
- This week is a week of **ADJUSTMENTS**, please bear with us as we fluctuate Bus Schedule Times and locations. We will do our best to communicate with you if there are any changes. We will have a dialed in schedule ASAP that will be sent out within the next week or so.
- Please make sure your contact information is up to date in RenWeb (Phone numbers and email addresses) We need to make sure everyone gets the alerts. We also must be able to contact you in case of changes or an emergency.

See link below for 2024-2025 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes \(Thursday Early Dismissal\)](#)

For day of transportation changes, please contact the school before 2:15pm.

- Val Peywa at 505-726-9675 for Elementary/Middle school
- Shawna Begay 505-726-9632 for High School

For permanent transportation changes please contact Darius Yazzie at dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

Welcome back for another school year! Sports have started at the High School and Middle School. If your child wants to join sports please contact their coaches as soon as possible. Here is our coaches contact information:

CONTACTS:

Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org

Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com

Girls Soccer coach - Neil Weeda: nweeda@rcsnm.org

HS and MS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org

Middle School Volleyball coach, Candice Yazzie; cyazzie@rcsnm.org



FALL SPORTS Reminders:

Rehoboth Christian School requires a completed RCS sports packet with a physical form completed by a physician before official practices start. Packets will need to be reviewed by the Athletic Director to ensure everyone is cleared for participation for the 2024-25 school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School practices will start practices in Exploratory Classes.

New students: Please contact the Athletic Director, Adrian Pete, by email if you are interested in a sport this school year at: adrianpete@rcsnm.org

Basketball Practice Starts: - November 18, 2024

Devotionals for athletes: <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth>

A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete:

https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athletes.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a_2

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, August 22	6:30 pm - Boys Soccer AWAY Scrimmage vs. Grants 5:00 pm - TBA Girls Soccer Scrimmage (tentative)	

Community Action

We like to support our community, so if you have any events that you would like to add to Parent News please email the information to adminsec@rcsnm.org by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.

RUN-WALK LIKE MADD



2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Red Rock Park, Churchrock, NM

5k, 10k, and 2-mile walk

- Age group and overall awards
- Medals to everyone!



Honoring and
remembering those
injured or killed in
drunk driving crashes

**All proceeds go
to support the
non-profit,
Mothers Against
Drunk Driving, so
we can continue
to provide FREE
services to
victims/survivors
of DWI crashes
statewide.**

For the race website
and to register, scan
our QR code or visit
“Walk Like Madd -
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LET'S END DWI

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